

(c) *Service.* The Department will serve a copy of each application on the affected carrier, the collective bargaining representatives of that carrier's employees, the Secretary of Labor, and any State agencies that are acting as agents of the Secretary of Labor to administer the Employee Protection Program.

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§ 314.12 Answers.

Any person may file an answer to an application within 15 days after the application is served.

§ 314.13 Disposition of applications.

(a) After the due date for answers, the Department will dismiss the application or begin an investigation to determine whether a qualifying dislocation has occurred.

(b) The Department will dismiss an application if it does not name an employee who, on October 24, 1978, had been employed by a carrier for at least 4 years.

(c) The Department will dismiss an application if the carrier has neither become bankrupt nor undergone a major contraction.

(d) The Department will dismiss an application even though the carrier has become bankrupt or undergone a major contraction, if it finds that the bankruptcy or major contraction clearly did not have as its major cause the change in regulatory structure provided by the Airline Deregulation Act.

(e) A DOT order dismissing an application will announce the reasons for the dismissal.

§ 314.14 Show-cause order.

When the Department makes a preliminary determination of whether the major cause of the bankruptcy or major contraction was the change in regulatory structure provided by the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, it will issue an order announcing a tentative decision that a qualifying dislocation has, or has not, occurred. The order will direct all interested persons to show cause why the tentative decision should not be made final, and will allow 30 days for objections to be filed. The Department will publish a sum-

mary of the order in the FEDERAL REGISTER and serve a copy of the order on each of the following:

(a) The applicant and the applicant's representative, if any;

(b) The affected carrier;

(c) The collective bargaining representatives of the carrier's employees; and

(d) The Secretary of Labor;

(e) State agencies that are acting as agents of the Secretary of Labor to administer the Employee Protection Program.

§ 314.15 Oral proceedings.

The Department will provide for an oral evidentiary hearing, with notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and served on the persons listed in § 314.14, if there are material issues of decisional fact that cannot otherwise be adequately resolved. The DOT decisionmaker may in his or her discretion hear oral argument before making a final determination.

§ 314.16 Final determination.

The Department will publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER a summary of an order announcing its final determination and, within 3 business days after the determination, serve a copy of the order on the persons listed in § 314.14.

Subpart C—Major Contractions

§ 314.20 Regular monthly computation.

(a) The Department will monitor the number of full-time employees of each carrier, including employees deprived of employment because of a strike, as reported monthly by carriers in accordance with part 241 of this chapter.

(b) The DOT does not require monthly reporting of the number of positions that are vacant as a result of terminations for cause and, except as set forth in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, will not account for those positions in computing major contractions. In the cases set forth in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this section, the DOT presumes that the number of employment positions vacant as a result of terminations for cause is small enough that accounting for them would not change the result.